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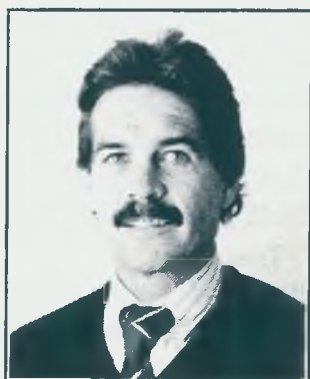
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Paul Manning

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J. Steele

vacant



AWARDS 1996

Clubperson of the Year:	John Szabo - Outdoors
Sportsperson of the Year:	Michelle Freimanis
Club of the Year:	Soccer
Blues:	Brett Bennett - Alpine Skiing Michelle Freimanis - Nordic Skiing Jacqui Graham - Surfing Matt Evans - Rugby League Ben Gregory - Rugby League Damien Phelps - Rugby Union Christian Burden - Rugby Union David Droughton - Waterpolo Rob Wilkinson - Waterpolo
Colours:	Nichole Cooper - Touch Linda Waldron - Touch Peter Rolfe - Waterpolo

EASTERN CONFERENCE GAMES

Held at UNE, Armidale with 100 students from Wollongong participating.

Teams & Placing's:

Touch

Mens - 13th
Womens - 1st

Basketball

Mens - 6th
Womens - 3rd

Hockey

Mens - 7th
Womens - 2nd

Rugby

Womens - 4th

Soccer

Mens - 5th

Qualifying Teams for AUG: Touch (w), Hockey (w). Basketball (w). Soccer (m). - wildcard.

Travel: Two coaches 100 seats, 91 of these were filled, originally we had 4 buses booked, however over the 5 weeks prior to the Games several teams pulled out of the Games.



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1996 AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY GAMES - CANBERRA

SPORTS CONTESTED:

Athletics	Aerobics	Australian Rules
Badminton (Men)	Basketball (Women)	Cycling
Duathlon	Hockey (Women)	Judo
Rowing	Soccer (Men)	Swimming
Touch (Women)	Volleyball (Women)	Waterpolo (M & W)

Entry Fees: \$27.00 per person

RESULTS:

Aerobics: Two aerobic teams (trios) competed and deservedly (due to their honours of practice and hard work - as witnessed by all RSA staff) both performed exceptionally well and made the final. The team of Anna Roskelly, Kim McDonnell (both RSA instructors) and Jacinta Dalglish won the final earning the Gold Medal. A thoroughly deserved result.

Cycling: Won Gold Medals in the men's team pursuit, the men's individual time trial (Jono Hall) and the men's road race (Jono Hall). An exceptional effort, particularly from Jono Hall who only entered 3 events and won 3 gold medals (after being very leg weary from much recent racing). The men's team won the overall points score, the women (consisting of only two riders) came fifth. University of Wollongong came first in the combined points score. Three cyclists made the Green and Gold team, being Tanya Cramp, Michelle Friemanis (in her first cycling events) and Jono Hall. There were some extraordinary feats achieved by this team and the results were very well deserved.

Duathlon: Overall in the combined points score Wollongong came equal first, the men's team placed 3rd and the women's team placed 4th and consisted of one girl. Michelle Friemanis finished her race second and similarly to cycling she was selected in the Green and Gold side.

Judo: In the individual Kazafumi Kaneko won the Gold Medal (60kg class), made the Green and Gold side and in the teams even fought and beat competitors far bigger than himself, earning him a special award for his feats. Kaza Kaneko competed in the NSW Judo Championships in November and was placed second to the Australian Champion in his weight division, well done!

Touch Football (Women): Although missing one of their stars from the successful ECG team, they were the stand out side for UOW again. Finishing second to a very strong Queensland University side which included 3 open state representative players.



Waterpolo (Men): The men's side only lost one game all tournament and that was only by 2 goals against a team that consisted of 3 current AIS players and one current National representative. They gained 3rd place in a very strong competition. David Droughton (one of the stars of the whole tournament), Robert Wilkinson and Peter Rolfe (reserve) were all worthy selections in the Green and Gold side.

AUSF Combined Australian University Team Members. The Schweppes "Green and Gold" Teams.

<u>Aerobics</u>	Kim McDonnell, Anna Rosekelly, Jacinta Dalglish
<u>Australian Rules</u>	Craig McBrien
<u>Cycling</u>	Jono Hall, Tanya Cramp, Michelle Freimanis
<u>Duathlon</u>	Michelle Freimanis
<u>Hockey (Women)</u>	Sally Johnston, Megan Yeo
<u>Judo</u>	Kazafumi Kaneko
<u>Touch (Women)</u>	Nichole Cooper, Debbie Knapp, Linda Waldron (Res)
<u>Waterpolo</u>	David Droughton, Robert Wilkinson, Peter Rolfe (Res) Sally Weekes

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES SPORTS FEDERATION

1. International Touring Team Representatives:

ATHLETES

Brett Bennett	Alpine Skiing	Korea
Rob Botacchio	Triathlon	Czech Republic

2. Australian Universities Champions:

Duathlon	Triathlon	Cycling
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GENERAL REPORT

The year was one of excellent trading results, especially once the pool returned after a frenetic 4 weeks final sprint in the retiling job during January. That we performed so well during the pool closure is a credit to the staff and the attractiveness of the entire centre and our other programs.

Staffing was the major change early on in the year, with Recreation officer Grant Jacob's resigning to finish his Commerce degree full time, and Clubs Officer Teresa Harding having her second child in March. Both were sorely missed in what turned out to be a busy year, with new Recreation officer Jock Campbell coming on deck and the rest of the staff covering during Teresa's maternity leave.

Commercial ventures of the RSA continued to have good results in 1996, with the drink vending through Pepsi doing very well, the Biomedical Sciences Rehabilitation Clinic picking up well, Inertia Sports continued to service members efficiently and reliably, and the Cafe on the Pool changing hands. Lease income is now reaching maximum levels, and the imminent expansion of the Clinic in 1997 will cause some constriction in the gym area unless we can find more space soon!

Highlights of the year were:

- * Even though faced with substantial problems with final weeks of the pool retiling work, the RSA posts excellent results in all other areas.
- * The third Sports Scholarship given to Kylie Watkins, NSW Open 800m champion, and 1995 Sportsperson of the Year.
- * Growth in casual attendances to use the Unigym have continued to exceed all expectations, and further capital investment in equipment have ensured even greater patronage in 1996.
- * The "old" Administration and Recreation Offices were demolished to make way for new gym equipment. This made the weights area one of the best and biggest in the Illawarra, yet numbers are still climbing and more space will be needed in 1997-8.



On the financial side we made a small surplus, due in part to what the accountants like to say was an "abnormal item" which in our case was the retiling of the pool. Closed from September 3rd 1996 through the end of the January. The lost pool income accounted for at least \$23,000 in 1996, including expenses associated with the retiling. Patronage also was slow to return, even though a TV, print and radio campaign was created to rekindle interest.

On top of the direct costs, we feel the "flow on" income from pool patrons through vending, shop sales, other facility hire and other services, as well as the discounts passed to the lessees due to the closure, meant the closure had an indirect effect of many thousands of dollars more.

The squash court cracking still causes concern, with the underpinning work done in 1993 not seeming to work. Glass panels had a habit of exploding under the pressure of walls going one way and floors going the other, but in 1997 a major project will be to rebuild the courts and hopefully rectify the problem. We may take the opportunity to reduce the court numbers to 2 in line with the diminishing numbers playing squash, and the soaring numbers using the gym.

Income and Expenditure was fairly static, but the nett effect was slightly positive, with income increasing by a greater proportion. Clubs spent a greater proportion of their grants, and the Universities Games Teams making the most of their subsidies with large teams travelling to Armidale and Canberra. This is one of those odd expenditure items that if we do well at encouraging students to attend the costs grow dramatically.

Motor vehicle hire covered its costs again and although staffing on the whole was down, staff on leave without pay and maternity leave were covered by existing staff and casuals.

The level of student casual assistance has continued to grow, and to be one of the major contributions of the RSA to the occupational experience and financial survival for many undergraduates. We now employ suitably qualified students as front desk supervisors, swimming instructors, aerobics instructors, school sport instructors, social sport referees, gym supervisors and general interest course instructors. Income students earned from these endeavours rose to over \$120,000 in 1996.

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Committees and sub committees were still everywhere in 1996, with many hours of service provided behind the scenes by students, life members and University staff. Sub committees met to discuss changes in club funding, strategic planning, the Awards Night, scholarships and Blues. All of them thrashed out policies that will improve the running and accountability of the RSA. Our thanks should go out to those that gave up their time and served on these committees.

1996 will be the stepping stone to a return to larger operational surpluses in 1997 and hopefully the end of tiling problems in the pool will mean no more closures for the foreseeable future! Our thanks to the Executive Committee, RSA staff and users for their patience, and we look forward to a stronger and more professional RSA in 1997 and beyond.

Paul Manning
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



MEMBERSHIP

In 1996 there were 12,260 student members (11,960 in 1995).

The total number of staff members in 1995 was 1375 (1295 in 1995).

The total number of life members at the end of 1996 was 3,106 The annual subscription for 1996 was \$81.00 an increase of \$3.00 over the level that had applied in 1995. while the joining fee for 1996 remained at \$25.00

ATTENDANCE AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

NAME	Attended	Apologies	Absent	Possible
Paul Webb	8			8
John Pemberton	8			8
Ben Berriman	1	1		2
Geoff Mettam	3	2		5
Barrie Keenahan	7		1	8
Craig Towers	7	1		8
Peter Liddle	2	1		3
Paul Patterson	1	4		5
David McMillan	2			2
Alison Brown	0	3		3
Canio Fierravanti	5	1		6
Paul Manning	7	1		8
Neal Snowden	6			6
Bridget Munro	5			5
Dianne Riddiford	4	1		5
Peter Bannister	1			1
Daniel McGoldrick	2			2

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VEHICLE USE DURING 1996

MINIBUS USE	No. of Days (or part days)	4WD USE	No. of Days (or part days)
RSA Administration	32	RSA Administration	77
RSA Facilities	29	RSA Facilities	132
RSA Pool	49	RSA Pool	122
RSA Recreation	25	RSA Recreation	39
Womens Rugby Union	4	AZ Computers	2
WELC	9	Ski Club	1
I. House/Weerona	103	Civil & Mining Dept.	1
Civil & Mining Dept.	1	Biological Sciences	2
AUSF	2	Education Dept.	11
Ski Club	2	Waterpolo Club	2
Education Dept.	7	Tennis Club	1
Materials Engineering Dept.	1	Landscape Dept.	2
Soccer Club	4	Environmental Sciences	1
Creative Arts	3	Geological Sciences	1
Chemistry Dept.	1	Facility Engineering	1
CSEM Materials	2	Engineering Dept.	1
Biological Sciences	1	Surfriding Club	7
Educational Media	1		
ITC	1		
Geography Dept.	1		
Geosciences Dept.	4		
Rugby Union Club	1		
Engineering Dept.	2		
Waterpolo Club	8		
Aboriginal Centre Dept.	1		
Kids Uni	1		
Surfriding Club	1		



SPORTS CLUBS

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Squash
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Swimming
Tae Kwon Do
Tennis
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Triathlon
Underwater Hockey
Volleyball
Waterpolo

BADMINTON

The Clubs 1996 membership has been 30-35 (the number varies slightly upward or downward during the course of the year). As in the past, membership of the club is overwhelmingly Asian, with the Club serving as a cultural focus as well as providing opportunities for recreation, physical fitness and competition.

Throughout the year members have played twice weekly on Friday afternoons and Sunday mornings. In addition, those members representing the University in inter-varsity competitions have trained on Friday nights.

The Club sent men's and women's teams to the April Eastern Conference intervarsity in Canberra and performed well with the men's team finishing third and the women's team sixth. One of our players, Harry Kuriawan, was named the most valuable player of the tournament.

Only a men's teams was sent to the Australian intervarsity in Canberra in September, due to a shortage of proficient and interested female players. Our hopes were high for a good showing by the men's team but we had the misfortune to meet two of the strongest teams (University of Southern Queensland and University of New South Wales) in the first two rounds - and were speedily



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eliminated from any possibility of a high placing. The University of Southern Queensland team was headed by a member of the Malaysian national team - which gives some idea of the strength of the competition.

Nonetheless, Harry Kuriawan's performance in the tournament was of such standard as to gain him a place on the New South Wales State team! Unfortunately, Harry is unlikely to be with us next year.

In addition to our regular play the Club has held two social functions for members during the year and will finish the year with approximately \$1,000 in reserve.

John Steinke
PRESIDENT

BASKETBALL

This year, the Basketball Club has experienced encouraging change and growth. We have achieved more the goals set last year, and have built on these again for the future. Total membership this year was 52, and this allowed for the Club Committee to expand. The original positions of President (Andrew Clements), Secretary (Kristie Wauchope), Treasurer (Anna Koskinen), Publicity Officer (Simon North) and the Fundraising Committee (Matt Rodgers,

Jill Heinrich and Sam Austin) remained, and the new positions of Local Competition Manager (Andrew Christie-Murray), ECG/AUG Coordinators (Rebecca Pritchard and Naomi Yerbury), Uniform Manager (Cameron Wood) and team delegates for each of our 8 teams in the local competition were created. This allowed the club to run more efficiently, with a better delegation of duties. The resignation of Andrew Clements part way through the year was handled well by the club thanks to the stability built through the committee.

Our teams in the local competition fared quite well this year. There were five men's and three women's teams with 3 of these teams making the semi finals, and three more placed fifth. The talented championship women's team took out their grand final with a thrilling 1 point victory. We hope to maintain these teams, with perhaps further additions in the years to come. The quality of the Club's players is indicated in the number of representative players we have - one Illawarra Hawk, four Kitty Hawks, one State League and eight Youth League players.

Our teams also competed well at the Eastern Conference Games, with the women's team placing third and the men's placing sixth. The men played very well,



and were unlucky to miss out on qualifying for the Australian University Games, with memorable performance from Clayton Childs, Matt Rodgers and Christian Glaser. The women's team did qualify, and this was highlighted by the selection of Kitty Hawk Claire Hargraves on the All Stars team. At the Uni Games, the women's team were placed in a tough pool, and were very competitive despite this, placing 13th in Australia, an excellent achievement. Other notable performances came from Diane Montgomery and Kari Johnson.

The Club has undertaken many activities this year, showing its broader social commitments. Members have been involved in organising lunchtime sport basketball, and have coached primary school children from Mt Ousely Primary School and The Illawarra Grammar School in both basketball and hockey. The Club also hosted the United States Athletes in Action basketball team, in a game against our own men's team. This game attracted many people, both basketball players and non-players alike, as well as a local television station. The end of year basketball function, to be held at the end of November also promises to be a great night for club members and non members, with a general meeting opening the night, followed by dinner and awards presented to outstanding players and club members.

The Club has been involved in many fundraising events this year to fund some costs for trips to ECG and AUG, and other basketball club expenses. Our smarties fundraising was extremely successful, with some people reducing as much as \$120 off their ECG tickets. Several lunchtime barbeques were also held, some small raffles and a pub crawl, which were all very successful in attracting participants and raising funds.

The Club looks forward to further growth and development next year as a new wave of players start to come through. We hope to attract a wide variety of members and further the club's standing in the University, the Illawarra Basketball Association and beyond.

Rebecca Pritchard
ACTING PRESIDENT

CRICKET

And so ends another cricket season, in some ways successful, in others falling short of expectations. For the first time in the nineties we failed to win a major premiership and this was disappointing to say the least. Since the 1990-91 season we have enjoyed an unprecedented run of success in the clubs history, winning a total of six major premierships across the grades. When you have such loft achievements as your benchmark to not

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maintain that level of performance leaves a feeling of wasted opportunity. And the opportunity was there.

On the positive side we did manage to field semi-final sides in all four grades, covering four of our five sides. Unfortunately the 'Mighty Reds' were not able to repeat last years magnificent effort, the 'Blues' made the semis with a strong late season run but then faltered when they got there. Thirds had high expectations all year but managed to save their worst performance for the 'business end of the season' and crashed out of contention. Seconds had a promising start, faltered in the middle, scraped in on a count back, made the final by comprehensively beating the minor premiers only to fall agonisingly short. And firsts seemingly played their 'final' the week before. These final disappointments aside the 1995-96 season saw many positives from a playing point of view. Our club performed well in the club championship, finishing a credible 2nd, with strong performances in all grades. And we saw the emergence of several younger players in our ranks giving us high hopes for the coming season.

On the administrative side of things I would like to take this opportunity to thank the management committee for their efforts over the past season. I fully admit to feeling my way in the role this

past season, but I feel that through their work we were able to maintain the excellent work of past administrations. Financially we are in a strong position, having overcome some "money anomalies" from the previous year and gained greater control of our fees and the bar/BBQ area. And as always John Pemberton and Barry Reid have been the backbone of the club.

I am also pleased to mention that via the Australian Cricket Board/Coca Cola "Runs for Australia" programme we received a grant for two and a half thousand dollars for refurbishment of our practice nets. This money, in conjunction with a similar grant from the University Sports Association, and UWCC club money will be used to provide our club with new net facilities for the coming season, something I'm sure you'll agree is long overdue. In fact by the time you read this I anticipate that several of you will have been involved in up-coming working bees to assist constructionthanks.

That's enough from me for the moment. See you next season.

Geoff Mettam
PRESIDENT

**ULTIMATE FRISBEE**

1996 has been a successful year for the Ultimate Frisbee Team. During this first year we were affiliated as a full university club. We were also recognised by the Australian Flying Disk Association (AFDA).

The support, encouragement and co-operation from the Recreation and Sports Association has been helpful in reaching the stage we are now at. This year we have established a club that has received greater recognition, with a large number of students knowing of, and attending our lunch times games. This social competition is attended by both experienced players and beginners.

The team has also had some competitive success throughout the year. In May the University of Wollongong Frisbee Club held its first intervarsity tournament. This was a great success with people coming from Sydney, Wagga Wagga and Queensland. Later on in the year the team travelled to the Queensland championships. This was a good time with Wollongong finding some success.

At present we have a team training on Fridays preparing for tournaments in Wagga Wagga, Melbourne and the upcoming final intervarsity for 1996 in Sydney.

We have had a great year, having both good fun and a great social time with a competitive edge. We are looking forward to the coming year with even bigger an increase in team members and going to more intervarsity competitions.

Rainer Wende/Debbie Lovegrove
PRESIDENT

HOCKEY

For the University of Wollongong Hockey Club (UWHC) 1996 has been a highly satisfactory year. All the teams fielded performed well and were, at the very least, competitive. The club is healthy both financially and socially which is encouraging for the future. Perhaps the most pleasing aspect of the year has been the increased level of interest shown towards UWHC and the subsequent increase in the club's membership.

UWHC again fielded five men's teams and two women's teams in the local Illawarra competitions this year. The men's side of the club was particularly successful with four teams qualifying for the semi finals. Unfortunately none progressed to the grand final. The final standings for each grade were: first grade - fifth, second grade - fourth, third grade - third, fourth grade - third and fifth grade - second. The lack of success in the finals and first grade's inability to build on a

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promising start to the season are the main areas of concern for the future. Injuries and unavailabilities to key players at crucial times played some part but nevertheless the lack of end of season success was disappointing. The women's teams also performed well with first grade in the four for most of the year before fading to fifth as the season drew to a close. Second grade are still a very young team and despite enjoying little success certainly enjoyed playing this year, perhaps more than any other team.

Club training was run this year by Brad Wilshire for the men and Sally Johnston for the women, once a week on Wednesdays. Some additional fitness training was organised by Neal Snowden early in the season. This was not well attended and is certainly an area where the club can improve. The Wednesday skills training was of an excellent quality with Brad and Sally doing a fine job. An extra training session for the first grade teams was planned but did not eventuate, partly due to the lack of an available time slot on the turf. This training session must run next year if the first grade men's team is to make any further improvement. In fact the club's goal should be to increase the number of players from all teams attending training, this is the obvious remedy to the poor finals performance. A number of representative honours were

gained by UWHC members during 1996. Sally Johnston and Simone Grounds played for the Illawarra State League team, with Sally also a member of the NSW squad. She was also selected in the Australian Universities team along with Meagan Yeo. Brad Wilshire played for the Illawarra U21 team and was selected in the NSW U21 squad. He also played for Illawarra and for the NSW National Hockey League side. Sally and Brad, as well as running training, captained/coached their respective first grade teams showing good organisation and team skills. Sally in particular worked very hard coaching both the women's teams. Others who worked hard throughout the year include: John Pemberton, Danny Shipp and Neal Snowden. John with selecting and organising the men's teams, Danny and Neal with the financial aspects of the club, especially in running the caravan/canteen.

A good financial result was achieved this year. This was due in part to increased membership levels and a good record of fee payment. The club registration day attracted a number of new players and a new fee paying structure ensured that fees were paid on time and without hardship by most members. Another reason for the improved financial performance was the fundraising/sponsorship obtained throughout the year. The caravan/canteen



raised a substantial amount for the club with the increased numbers of games played at the University this year being enjoyed by club members and coffers alike. Wiseman Park Wollongong City Bowling Club continued to offer support, this year at an increased level, which is much appreciated. A number of social functions were held at the Bowling Club with varying levels of success, the presentation night being a highlight. It was very well attended and hopefully that level of enthusiasm can be maintained. The Recreation and Sports Association's continued funding and guidance during 1996 is also greatly appreciated.

1996 has been a successful year and a number of initiatives have been proposed that should ensure 1997 is also successful. These include a scholarship scheme for promising student players and a plan to build dugouts/shelters at the turf. Executive meetings will continue to be held over summer in preparation for next season. A number of indoor hockey teams will also be playing over summer under the University banner and a pre-season social competition may be organised. Hopefully next year will see the club continue to be attractive to the student population and that the relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere can be maintained.

Duncan Fisher
PRESIDENT

KENDO

1996 has again been a very successful year for the University of Wollongong Kendo Club. Our level of skill, as recognised by competition results through the year and by the rising level of gradings acquired, together with the level of our interaction with other Kendo groups around the country have risen.

In February there was a visit to Australia by Nakakura Sensei, (the only 9th dan Kendo/9th dan Iaido exponent in the world, and the Japanese Emperors honorary bodyguard) together with two of the other three 9th dan Kendoka currently practicing. Wollongong was well represented at the NSW training session conducted by Nakakura, having the second largest contingent present. Other visiting Japanese notables we trained with throughout the year included Shizawa Sensei (our Senseis' Sensei), Nomassa Sensei and Hiraga Sensei (Head of the Japanese Iaido grading panel).

National titles were held on the Easter weekend in Perth. In the runup to this the UoWKC staged training weekends at both the University and Picton for all NSW training squad members. In the tournament three of the seven kyu grade squad members representing NSW came from the Wollongong dojo. NSW retained their national team title, dropping only



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one match to the Victorian team in the final. In the kyu grade individuals competition David Bunder placed third and Aden Steinke reached the quarter finals.

The UoWKC once again participated in the annual Steel Cities Challenge organised by Tourism Illawarra between Wollongong and Newcastle. The club had the honour of performing a demonstration in the Mall prior to the Lord Mayor issuing his challenge.

Later in the year (28th-29th September) the University of Wollongong Kendo Club participated in the Australian University Games Kendo Competition, held by ANU. The Wollongong team of kyu grades performed exceptionally, with David Dingelstad placing third in the kyu grade individual competition, and no representative lost in the first round. In the teams match they eliminated Monash B in the first round, before losing to eventual winners Flinders in a tie breaker in the second round.

Still to come this year are the State titles, where the UoWKC will be able to field its strongest squad this decade.

Once again the University of Wollongong Kendo Club has received a good amount of media coverage this year. Following

the National titles WinTV featured the UoWKC on their Sports Arena program, which gave the art its most visible presence for some time. The club also conducted demonstrations in Woonona (in support of a martial arts tournament), Tahmoor and Woy Woy in addition to the normal demonstrations at the University at the start of the year.

This year membership has remained steady. As with previous years a fair amount of our membership has been made up of international students. Many of these are here for only a short time, and enjoy the opportunity to practice their sport and learn from our slightly different way of doing things, their skills and experiences are also of great benefit to our Australian players.

The University of Wollongong Kendo Club has continued its relationship with the Milton Judo Club providing teaching.

Overall a very good year. Regrettably our 1996 President Steve Crane completed University at the end of first session and departed to the Blue Mountains.

David Bunder
TREASURER

**NETBALL**

1996 has been a somewhat mellow year for the University Netball Club as we have been adjusting to changes in the managements committee. With Alison Brown completing her university degree it was up to Anna Wealands and myself to take over. We thank Alison for the hard work she has put into the club and wish her all the best for the future.

This year we placed three teams in separate competitions around Wollongong. Initially we had one team in a competition at the Sport and Recreation Centre, but this team had to be split due to the many players participating. Half the team then started a competition at the Howzat Sports Centre in Fairy Meadow. This team went on to win their competition earning for themselves a nice gift voucher at Novotel North Beach to use for their victory celebrations.

All participants in these competitions enjoyed themselves fully and we hope to see them and their friends back to join in the fun next year.

The club also placed a team in the Saturday competition run by the Illawarra Netball Association. Although they weren't terribly successful, the fun and new friendships they formed made up for their slightly inconsistent form.

Unfortunately we were unable to send a team to the Eastern Conference Games but are already planning towards having a strong team entered in the 1997 games, even with new uniforms to intimidate the opposition.

Our plans for the new year are wide and extensive and we can't wait to start to see them implemented.

Natalie Gardiner
PRESIDENT

OUTDOORS

This year has been a difficult one for the club. Lack of coordination and organisation at the beginning of the year resulted in a confusing start. The enthusiasm has been present, however it has been difficult to harness this into a cohesive unit - communication being the main problem.

Various members conducted activities throughout the year. These were very successful - some of the more notable ones include; a bush walk in the Blue Mountains, caving in Bungonia and Deau National Park, and canyoning in the Blue Mountains.

Members also established regular climbing trips to Mt Keira and Nowra crags. These were particularly successful at the beginning of the year, with

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experienced members introducing new people to climbing.

Unfortunately the number of activities declined over the colder months, and as the weather warmed university work became a pressure. The President and several other keen members were forced to devote their time to their final year of university, and whilst activities continued, they were not publicised well.

Thus, members of the outdoors clubs have been actively involved this year in a variety of activities. There is a solid base of experience, as was demonstrated by the success of some quite demanding expeditions.

I see the main role of the club as being a forum where members can share this experience - thus it is of vital importance that good communication is established. Members are active and enthusiastic for their expedition however, this is not often communicated to other members. Perhaps a small note on the noticeboard after each trip could distribute information more widely.

In an attempt to ensure next years executive have the clean start that was lacking this year, all financial and other records have been brought up to date. Activities will continue over summer and

plans to expand the Rock Pit are well underway. This should all provide a solid base for good communication and publicity of the clubs activities in the coming year.

Graham McCabe
PRESIDENT

RUGBY LEAGUE

The 1996 year proved to be a year where the club continued to perform well in a very turbulent climate, which surrounds Rugby League in general at the moment. After a promising start to the season with victory in our own "Power FM/Victor Sports League Sevens", and a strong showing in several other pre-season competitions, a combination of many new and unfamiliar players in the ranks, and a significant list of long term injuries saw 1st grade start the season very solidly, but not able to win many close games. This was to turn around dramatically in the second round, and with one round to play, semi finals were still a chance. Unfortunately, this was not the case, but many of the young players who stepped up from reserve grade to fill the gaps in 1st grade proved that the depth of talent is certainly in no doubt, and promises to provide a strong nucleus for the coming seasons. The 3rd grade competition was not conducted this year, which the University club has been particularly



strong in over the last few years, which meant that we were not able to provide football for as many players as we would have liked.

On the representative scene, the club was honoured to have Wayne Scuffled, Matt Evans and Ben Gregory selected in the NSW Tertiaries teams, which lost narrowly to Queensland Tertiaries. Ben and Matt were also selected in the Australian squad which successfully defended the Student World Cup in Warrington, UK. A special mention must go to Matt who captained the Australian side in their game against South Africa, and was selected in a World merit side. Also a non student member of the club, Jeff Wellington set a new record for try scoring in the competition (30 tries, including 9 in one games), was leading point scorer, and was selected to tour the UK with the Australian Aboriginal squad.

Off the field, the club continued to strengthen its financial base, and repay a significant long term debt. The work of the committee in raising funds through sponsorship and other activities conducted by the club should be congratulated, however this work will need to be maintained to ensure the club continues to consolidate in the coming years. The publicity that the club attracts from local media reflects well on the

performances of the players, the standing of the club in the Carlton Illawarra League, and the University in general as a contributor to the community. To our major sponsors, Bourbon Street nightclub, Manchester Unity Health Fund, Harp Hotel, and other sponsors Advanced Vision, The Tyre Store, Cactus Pete's Restaurant, Harbourfront Restaurant and Ryans Dry Cleaners a big thanks for their support in 1996. Many thanks also to the RSA staff for their assistance over the year, and to Power FM, Victor Sports and Prime TV for their support of our annual Seven-a-side competition which grows bigger and better each year.

1996 saw the club use Ziems Park Corrimal as a home ground, mainly due to the lack of satisfactory facilities on Oval 3. With the proposed development apparently moving very slowly, we hope that some satisfactory measures may be taken which would allow us to again return to the University grounds for home fixtures next season.

Greg Dodd
PRESIDENT

RUGBY UNION

University had a successful season in 1996 with 2nd, 3rd and our women's team making the semi-finals and a 4th placing in the club championship. This coupled

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with our women's team making the semi-finals in the NSW competition and finishing 4th, gave us a base to build on for 1997. The club continues to have a strong administration, coaching staff and player base. This year for the first time the club fielded a 4th grade team illustrating the continued player depth within the club.

First Grade played some brilliant Rugby but due to inconsistency missed the semi-finals. They played a magnificent brand of running Rugby and who can forget their 3 wins at home against Camden 29-15, Campbelltown 23-20 and Bowral 44-13. The team won their first 5 games but then proceeded to lose the next 4, and everyone involved with the team realises a hard lesson was learned in that consistency is what gets you to semi-finals. There is no doubt they will be back stronger next year. Thanks are extended to the players, Peter Rowles, the coach and Tom Wren the manager for their efforts.

Second grade made the semi-finals. The players, the coach Paul Kipp and the manager Paul Keating are to be congratulated for achieving this result. 3rd grade under the astute guidance of Simon Illiffe and Gavin Greenfield, qualified in 4th place but lost to Shamrocks 3-0 in the semi-finals. Our Under 19's coached by Glenn McGuinness

with the manager, Brian McKay failed to make the semis but were always competitive. Our ladies team, coached by Marcus Caton had another good year in the NSW competition finishing 4th of the 9 teams.

Damien Phelps is to be congratulated on his selection for NSW Under 21's and NSW Country. Brad Kane made the Southern Province and NSW Country teams. Rob Messiter was awarded a University blue, Fran Lee and Prue Clements, a University colour, Glenn McGuinness was named clubperson of the year while our club was named club of the year for the 3rd consecutive year at the annual University Recreation and Sports Association awards. Prue Clements, Fran Lee, Meredith Pope, Sharon Starkey, Lisa Mitchell and Leanne Chase made the NSW Women's team. Rob Messiter, Deon Kelly and Fran Lee won University scholarships which assists them to meet University expenses and they will be on offer again next year.

Paul Kipp and Dr Arthur Bosanquet are to be congratulated on their appointment to Academy of Sport Coaching positions and Glenn McGuinness, who is the South Coast Primary schools coach. Two of our longstanding members were awarded Club Service Awards this year for outstanding contributions over many



years. Our club extends its thanks to Canio Fierravanti and Duarte Dorego. I would also like to thank our dedicated committee members, who have lifted our club to another level over the past few years.

Dr Paul Webb
PRESIDENT

SAILING & WINDSURFING

The Club of 1995-1996 has come out from the AUSC a very different club, a stronger club. The members that were involved have learnt alot. The regatta was very successful both on a social and competitive level. We represented Wollongong as hosts of this event without falter. We showed the visitors that even their preconceived ideas of the regatta were going to fall short of the reality. The racing was very challenging to even the best amongst us. And the social just as challenging.

The gratitude that I and the University of Wollongong Sailing and Windsurfing Club has for the persons responsible in the holding of the event and also competing in all AUSC's is boundless. This commitment to the sport, usually sadly not acknowledged by those outside the club, gives a true depth to the club such as ours.

I as Commodore have learnt an enormous amount. Taking on the position, I was not to know all that it involved. I was not to know the pride that can be installed in someone by a team or by an organisation that achieves what at the beginning seems an unachievable task. Nor had I personally experienced the challenges of organising such an event or the emotions that are involved in the overcoming of setbacks of such capacity.

The club has also avoided the falling into the void that most larger clubs find themselves in directly after holding such a regatta. It has happened to the past two Universities, Brisbane and Canberra. And I am not afraid to admit that I thought that our club was to follow the same path of hybernation for the following year after the AUSC. But, this has not happened, the Club has faced new challenges. As the committee has lost some familiar faces, the new ones have shown there strength and abilities to manage the club. The new challenges that have faced the Club have been numerous. Such as the lose of some very competitive sailors, due to graduations and commitments, and the replacement with enthusiastic beginners to the sport. As it is the nature of a University Club, the challenge has been to teach the new comers the sport, and to seek out some more talent. There has therefore been a change in focus that no one could have expected.

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Looking back on the activities of the club it is obvious that the lack of a resolution in the insurance claim has been somewhat stifling to our whole operations. This however has not brought the whole club to a stall, as we have had the best year in memory, of the learn to sail participation and learn to windsurf. This was with great thanks to the Sports and Recreation Association for advertising the event thoroughly. We also had some good fundraising in the form of raffles.

On a competition side of the coin, the same great achievements were accomplished by individuals that were tempted in other arenas, rather the Universities Challenge. This left the remainder of our University team high and dry, with maintenance to be completed and enthusiastic beginners to entice and teach. We as a club really did make the very most of it. Repairs were made to the Tasars, windsurfers and Sharpie. The Laser and Sharpie awaiting some further maintenance when the insurance claim is honoured.

Stephen McEwen
COMMODORE

SCUBA

The Wollongong University Scuba Diving Club has continued to progress through 1996. The club has enjoyed steady

expansion over the last few years with an ever increasing compliment of active divers. Although member numbers have remained constant the activities of the club continue to increase and the scope of our ventures is ever widening.

January saw the fitting of a larger outboard motor to *Unidive* the ever faithful Zodiac. This new addition has proven itself to be most beneficial increasing the load of divers that can be taken out, decreasing our travel time to dive sites and no doubt reducing the occurrence of sea sickness. The cost of running this seems slightly higher, however the benefits are well worth the sacrifice. Dive prices have been reviewed and although costs may have increased for some we still offer the cheapest diving for members. Boat dives continue to be run on most weekends with a regular turnout of keen divers. All levels of diving have been accommodated, with participants ranging from the newest divers to the most experienced divers.

The annual trip to Jervis Bay was attended by an unprecedented number of members, most of whom were new to the experience. The trip was enjoyed by all and the diving was excellent as usual. Another trip was conducted to Nelson Bay, a new club dive destination for all those who attended. The trip increased



our connections further and extended our trip destination list yet again. The diving was excellent of course.

This year saw the debut for the club as a member of the newly formed Scuba Clubs Association of New South Wales (SCAN). A number of activities were run by the association throughout the year although the club only attended a few in small numbers. The association is still in its developing stages and experiences irregular support at its events. Perhaps the benefits of membership will be more advantageous throughout the following years, provided we take advantage of them. SCAN provides a potentially effective means of increasing interaction with fellow clubs.

Lasts year saw the addition of a number of safety items to the boat and dive facilities. This year the emphasis was on bringing all equipment up to the highest standard of safety and this was achieved in full. The addition of a new gear locker has been a great benefit for the club allowing us to take full responsibility for the equipment (Thank you to the person who returned the missing BC!).

Our aims for the following year included, continuing to increase the number of active members to take full advantage of the facilities that we have and maintaining

our equipment to the highest standards. As of next year all meetings will be open to all members in the hope that more people will become involved in the running of the club. Thank you all divers, its been a good year. Keep on diving'.

Scott McCorkell
PRESIDENT

SKI

1996 was a year of mixed success for the University of Wollongong Ski Club. It was great to see some renewed interest in snow skiing, but water skiing was down on its previous levels.

The year was highlighted with our trip to the Australian University Championships, held in Mt Buller, Victoria. The increased interest in snow skiing saw 12 skiers, competitive and social, attend, which is our biggest attendance for a number of years. The Woolly skiers produced some excellent performances. In the Cross Country event Michelle Freimanis brought home some hardware with a great performance to take 3rd place in the Women's 10km event. The alpine competition consisted of three events, slalom, giant slalom, and super G. In the men's division, Brett Bennett placed 5th, 3rd and 4th, finishing 3rd in the men's overall. In the women's events Michelle showed her versatility after the

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2 April 1997

Dear Mr Manning

STATUTORY AUDIT REPORT

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION

The accounts of the University of Wollongong Recreation and Sports Association for the year ended 31 December 1996 have been audited as required by s43(1) of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983* and in accordance with s34 of that Act. This report is issued in accordance with section 43(2) of the Act which requires that I report to the Board, the Minister and the Treasurer the results of the inspection and audit and details of any irregularities or other matters that call for special notice. It is not the independent audit report that expresses any opinion on the annual financial report.

The audit resulted in the issue of an unqualified independent audit report which, together with the financial statements, are forwarded herewith. Significant matters encountered during the audit and inspection are included under Matters Arising from the Audit.

Audit Objectives

The overall objectives of the audit were to enable me to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report:

- was presented fairly in accordance with the requirements of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983*, Australian accounting standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views).
- presented a view which was consistent with my understanding of the Association's financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

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Scope of the Audit

Audit procedures were primarily aimed at achieving audit objectives and did not seek to confirm for management purposes the effectiveness of all internal controls. The planning of the audit procedures was based on an assessment of the risk of the existence of errors and/or irregularities which could materially affect the financial report.

The engagement letter/client service plan, sent to you on 29 November 1996, provides a more detailed rundown of the scope of the audit.

Review of Operations

A review of the financial operations of the Association will be included in Volume One of the Auditor-General's Report to Parliament which is intended for tabling in May 1997.

Matters Arising from the Audit

A significant portion of the Association's non-current assets were disclosed in the Association's financial statements at cost to the Association, not at their total cost, as contributions from the University of Wollongong had not been brought to account. As a result of a full valuation of University assets in 1996, the Association's assets have been proportionately revalued. Management is now in the process of reviewing the accounting treatment and disclosure of these assets.

Acknowledgment

I wish to acknowledge the courtesy and assistance extended by the Association's staff during the conduct of the audit.

Yours faithfully



S. KALAGURDEVIC
DIRECTOR OF AUDIT

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CC Minister for Education and Training
 Treasurer
 Vice-Chancellor

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STATEMENT BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. In the opinion of the Executive Committee of the University of Wollongong Recreation and Sports Association:
 - (a) the financial statements set out on pages 3 to 15 are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results and cash flows for the financial year ended 31 December 1996 and the state of affairs at 31 December 1996 of the Association; and
 - (b) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
2. The financial statements of the Association have been made out in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views.

Dated at Wollongong this day of , 1997.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Executive Committee.

J. Pemberton
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: Executive Committee Members

PR Miller
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**UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG
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**PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996**

	Note	1996 \$	1995 \$
Operating profit/(loss) before abnormal item and income tax	2	39,034	25,471
Abnormal item	2(c)	<u>(23,104)</u>	<u>(77,056)</u>
Operating profit/(loss) before income tax		15,930	(51,585)
Income tax attributable to operating profit	1(c)	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
Operating profit/(loss) after income tax		15,930	(51,585)
Accumulated funds at the beginning of the financial year		<u>881,598</u>	<u>933,183</u>
Accumulated funds at the end of the financial year		<u><u>897,528</u></u>	<u><u>881,598</u></u>

The profit and loss statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to
and forming part of the financial statements set out on pages 6 to 15.

**UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG
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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1996**

	Note	1996 \$	1995 \$
Current Assets			
Cash	4	61,556	25,337
Receivables	5	14,649	10,813
Other	6	<u>28,162</u>	<u>19,186</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>104,367</u>	<u>55,336</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	<u>3,790,862</u>	<u>2,569,928</u>
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>3,790,862</u>	<u>2,569,928</u>
Total Assets		<u>3,895,229</u>	<u>2,625,264</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and borrowings	9	266,357	117,695
Provisions	11	57,085	57,067
Other	12	<u>162,498</u>	<u>83,454</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>485,940</u>	<u>258,216</u>
Non-Current Liabilities			
Creditors and borrowings	9	1,275,000	1,460,000
Provisions	11	<u>30,207</u>	<u>25,450</u>
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>1,305,207</u>	<u>1,485,450</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>1,791,147</u>	<u>1,743,666</u>
Net Assets		<u>2,104,082</u>	<u>881,598</u>
Accumulated Funds			
Reserves	12	1,206,554	-
Retained profits		<u>897,528</u>	<u>881,598</u>
Total accumulated funds		<u>2,104,082</u>	<u>881,598</u>

The balance sheet is to be read in conjunction with the notes to
and forming part of the financial statements set out on pages 6 to 15.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996**

	Note	1996 \$	1995 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Cash receipts in the course of operations		1,662,842	1,401,416
Cash payments in the course of operations		(1,218,464)	(1,226,875)
Interest received		19,943	15,843
Interest paid		<u>(132,368)</u>	<u>(159,569)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	15(ii)	<u>331,953</u>	<u>30,815</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(254,967)	(66,000)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		<u>59,233</u>	<u>50,806</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(195,734)</u>	<u>(15,194)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Repayment of borrowings		<u>(100,000)</u>	-
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(100,000)</u>	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		36,219	15,621
Cash held at the beginning of the financial year	15(i)	<u>25,337</u>	<u>9,716</u>
Cash held at the end of the financial year	15(i)	<u>61,556</u>	<u>25,337</u>

The statement of cash flows is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements set out on pages 6 to 15.

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996**

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The significant policies which have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are:

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been drawn up in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views). They have been prepared on the basis of historical costs and accrual accounting and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied.

(b) Revenue and Revenue Recognition

Members' fees are brought to account in the year to which the fees relate, and not necessarily the year in which the University of Wollongong, which collects those fees on behalf of the Association, remits them to the Association.

(c) Taxation

The operations of the Association are exempt from income tax under section 23(g) of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

(d) Non-Current Assets

The carrying amounts of all non-current assets are reviewed to determine whether they are in excess of their recoverable amount at balance date. If the carrying amount of a non-current asset exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is written down to the lower amount. In assessing recoverable amounts the relevant cash flows have not been discounted to their present value.

(e) Property, Plant and Equipment

The Recreation and Sports Association from time to time pays for the construction of buildings, their improvements and landscaping on land over which it has no security or tenure. Except where such items have been revalued, they are disclosed at their cost to the Recreation and Sports Association, not at their total costs, as contributions from the University of Wollongong are not brought to account. The capitalised expenditures are written off over their expected useful lives.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis so as to write off the net cost of each non-current asset during its expected useful life. Additions are depreciated from the date of acquisition.

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

(e) *Property, Plant and Equipment (cont'd)*

Depreciation has been calculated at the following rates:

Buildings	2.5%
Computer Equipment	20.0%
Motor Vehicles	10.0%
Other Equipment	10.0%

(f) *Provisions*

Employee Entitlements

The provision for annual leave represents the amount which the association has a present obligation to pay resulting from employees' services provided up to the balance date. The provision has been calculated at nominal amounts based on current wage and salary rates and includes on-costs.

The liability for employee entitlements to long service leave represents the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made by the employer resulting from employees' services provided up to the balance date.

Liabilities for employee entitlements which are not expected to be settled within twelve months are discounted using the rates attaching to national government securities at balance date, which most closely match the terms of maturity of the related liabilities.

In determining the liability for employee entitlements, consideration has been given to future increases in wage and salary rates, and the association's experience with staff departures. Related on-costs have also been included in the liability.

Doubtful Debts

The collectibility of debts is assessed at year end and specific provision is made for any doubtful accounts. In addition, a general provision of \$1,000 is maintained.

(g) *Comparative Figures*

Where necessary, comparative amounts have been adjusted to reflect the presentation adopted in 1996.

(h) *Superannuation Fund*

Contributions to employee superannuation funds are charged against income as incurred. The Association is under no legal obligation to make up any shortfall in the funds assets to meet payments due to employees.

	1996 \$	1995 \$
2. Operating Profit		
(a) <i>Operating Revenue and Expense</i>		
Operating profit has been arrived at after including:		
Operating Revenue		
Members' fees	1,003,988	959,713
Interest received	19,943	15,843
Gross proceeds from sale of non-current assets	59,233	50,806
Operating Expenses		
Bad debts	240	9,387
Interest paid	132,368	159,569
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	184,456	179,830
Amount set aside to provisions for employee entitlements	28,967	37,352
(b) <i>Sales of Non-Current Assets</i>		
Profit on sale of property, plant and equipment	3,100	1,916
(c) <i>Abnormal Item</i>		
Pool Retiling	23,105	77,056
3. Auditors' Remuneration		
Amounts received or due and receivable by the Auditors for auditing financial statements	4,500	4,200
Amounts received or due and receivable by the Auditors for other services	<u>1,900</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Total auditors' remuneration	<u>6,400</u>	<u>5,700</u>
4. Cash		
Cash on Hand	1,950	1,950
Cash at Bank	<u>59,606</u>	<u>23,387</u>
	<u>61,556</u>	<u>25,337</u>

	1996 \$	1995 \$
5. Receivables		
Accrued Income	-	3,010
Trade Debtors	15,649	8,803
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>
	<u>14,649</u>	<u>10,813</u>
6. Other		
Prepaid Expenses	<u>28,162</u>	<u>19,186</u>
7. Property, Plant and Equipment		
Recreation Centre - at cost	-	1,033,050
At independent valuation 1996	949,781	-
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>(575,495)</u>
	<u>949,781</u>	<u>457,555</u>
Tennis Courts - at cost	-	291,707
At independent valuation 1996	280,000	-
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>(42,615)</u>
	<u>280,000</u>	<u>249,092</u>
Pool Centre - at cost (Note 8)	-	989,600
At independent valuation 1996	1,634,277	-
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>(37,268)</u>
	<u>1,634,277</u>	<u>952,332</u>
General Equipment - at cost	125,212	125,212
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(82,231)</u>	<u>(74,661)</u>
	<u>42,981</u>	<u>50,551</u>
Unigym/Unicircuit Equipment	101,279	92,479
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(53,732)</u>	<u>(45,212)</u>
	<u>47,547</u>	<u>47,267</u>
Furniture and Fittings - at cost	187,302	159,056
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(102,616)</u>	<u>(93,569)</u>
	<u>84,686</u>	<u>65,487</u>
Motor Vehicles - at cost	88,681	84,832
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(8,781)</u>	<u>(8,717)</u>
	<u>79,900</u>	<u>76,115</u>

	1996 \$	1995 \$
Swimming Pool - at cost (Note 8)	-	463,397
At independent valuation 1996	281,234	-
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>(84,392)</u>
	<u>281,234</u>	<u>379,005</u>
Pool Equipment - at cost	46,449	46,449
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(20,842)</u>	<u>(16,197)</u>
	<u>25,607</u>	<u>30,252</u>
Artificial Hockey Field - at cost (Note 8)	-	461,460
At independent valuation 1996	357,485	-
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>(207,856)</u>
	<u>357,485</u>	<u>253,604</u>
Hockey Equipment - at cost	13,036	13,036
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(5,672)</u>	<u>(4,368)</u>
	<u>7,364</u>	<u>8,668</u>
Total Property Plant and Equipment - at net book value	<u>3,790,862</u>	<u>2,569,928</u>

The recreation centre, pool centre, swimming pool and hockey field are erected on land made available by the University of Wollongong and in respect to which there is no formal lease or any other agreement.

8. Swimming Pool, Pool Centre and Artificial Hockey Field

In prior years the Association has been provided with support from the University of Wollongong towards the cost of the swimming pool of \$600,000, the pool centre of \$100,000, and the artificial hockey field of \$100,000.

All buildings and facilities have been valued at independent valuations by Edward Rushton Australia Limited, licensed valuers, as at 31 December 1996. The valuations have been determined on the following basis:

- there is no land content in the valuations;
- written down replacement cost, based on existing use and condition;
- a number of nominal inclusions such as floor coverings, light fittings, window coverings and other fixtures have been included in the valuations; and
- the sizes of buildings have been determined from plans provided by the University, subject to random checking.

This revaluation has been undertaken as part of a 5 year program.

The effect of this revaluation is an increase in the net assets of the Recreation and Sports Association of \$1,206,554 as at 31 December 1996 which is reflected in the asset revaluation reserve.

	1996 \$	1995 \$
9. Creditors and Borrowings		
<i>Current</i>		
Bill Facilities	185,000	100,000
Sundry Creditors	<u>81,357</u>	<u>17,695</u>
	<u>266,357</u>	<u>117,695</u>
<i>Non-Current</i>		
Bill Facilities	<u>1,275,000</u>	<u>1,460,000</u>

10. Financing Arrangements

- (i) The Association has access to the following facilities:

Total facilities available:		
Bill Acceptance Facility	1,460,000	1,560,000
Facilities utilised at balance date:		
Bill Acceptance Facility	<u>1,460,000</u>	<u>1,560,000</u>
Facilities not utilised at balance date:		
Bill Acceptance Facility	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>

The facility is secured by way of:

1. A registered deed of the income of the University of Wollongong Recreation and Sports Association from the Executive Committee; and
2. A letter from the University of Wollongong authorising any increased borrowings and repayment terms and an undertaking to cover any shortfall in payments.

- (ii) Commitments

Future commercial bill commitments

Not later than one year	185,000	100,000
Later than one year but not later than two	170,000	110,000
Later than two years but not later than five years	665,000	660,000
Later than five years	<u>440,000</u>	<u>690,000</u>
	<u>1,460,000</u>	<u>1,560,000</u>

	1996 \$	1995 \$
11. Provisions		
Current		
Annual Leave	42,789	42,964
Long Service Leave	<u>14,296</u>	<u>14,103</u>
	<u>57,085</u>	<u>57,067</u>
Non-Current		
Long Service Leave	<u>30,207</u>	<u>25,450</u>
12. Reserves		
Asset revaluation reserve	<u>1,206,554</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Movements during the year</i>		
Opening balance	-	-
Add: revaluation increment on buildings and facilities	<u>1,206,554</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>1,206,554</u>	<u>-</u>
13. Other Current Liabilities		
Money Held in Trust	2,498	3,454
Income Received in Advance	<u>160,000</u>	<u>80,000</u>
	<u>162,498</u>	<u>83,454</u>
14. Economic Dependency		

The Association's trading activities do not depend upon a major customer or supplier, however, the Association is economically dependent upon the continued operation of the University of Wollongong.

15. Note to the Statement of Cash Flows

(i) Reconciliation of cash

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand and at bank. Cash as at the end of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:

	1995 \$	1996 \$
Cash on hand	1,950	1,950
Cash at bank	<u>59,606</u>	<u>23,387</u>
	<u>61,556</u>	<u>25,337</u>

(ii) Reconciliation of Operating Profit after tax to net cash provided by operating activities

Operating profit/(loss)	15,930	(51,585)
Add/(less) items classified as investing/financing activities:		
(Profit) on disposal of non-current assets	(3,100)	(1,916)
Add/(less) non-cash items:		
Depreciation	184,453	179,830
Provision for employees' entitlements	28,967	37,352
Bad debts expense	<u>240</u>	<u>9,387</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities before change in assets and liabilities	226,490	173,068
Change in assets and liabilities during the financial year:		
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(3,897)	44,777
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	(9,154)	(9,054)
Increase/(decrease) in other creditors	79,044	(76,772)
Increase/(decrease) in sundry creditors	63,662	(74,386)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	<u>(24,192)</u>	<u>(26,818)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>331,953</u>	<u>30,815</u>

16. Contingent Liabilities

There were no known contingent liabilities existing at balance date.

	1996 \$	1995 \$
17. Detailed Profit and Loss Account For the Year Ended 31 December 1995		
Income		
Members' Fees	1,003,988	951,152
Other Membership Fees	11,048	8,561
Interest	19,943	15,843
Squash Court Hire	26,795	26,318
Tennis Court Hire	24,433	20,126
Facility Hire	47,088	48,547
Pool trading deficit before abnormal expense	(81,171)	(96,272)
Hockey Field Income (Net)	34,769	31,508
Recreation Program	145,810	137,650
Rent & Commission Received	15,631	12,391
Sponsorships	18,000	17,031
Profit on Sale of Property Plant & Equipment	3,100	1,916
Other Income	<u>13,924</u>	<u>23,258</u>
	<u>1,283,358</u>	<u>1,198,029</u>
Expenditure		
Advertising	4,364	7,853
Accounting and audit fees	6,400	5,700
A U G Cost Share Travel	29,495	16,858
A U S A Subsidy	9,304	7,548
Bad Debts	240	9,208
Catering	1,825	741
Club Funding and Equipment	64,121	60,910
Cleaning and Garbage Removal	4,990	5,165
Computer Maintenance	22,098	11,508
Depreciation	184,456	179,830
Electricity & Plant Hire	46,384	32,063
Equipment	8,628	7,938
Facility Maintenance and Repair	82,367	50,831
Ground Improvements	5,163	15,809
Insurance	29,869	21,245
Loan Interest	132,368	159,569
Motor Vehicle Expenses (Net)	2,172	(229)
Printing, Stationery, Telephone and Postage	38,663	21,045
Provision for Annual Leave	(175)	7,055
Provision for Long Service Leave	4,950	3,479

	1996 \$	1995 \$
Recreation Program Expenses	78,293	102,721
Recreation Officers	59,314	75,676
Representative Travel	4,433	1,050
Travel and Conferences	8,043	3,654
Wages and Salaries	394,637	343,008
Other expenses	<u>21,922</u>	<u>22,323</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>1,244,324</u>	<u>1,172,558</u>
Operating profit/(loss) before abnormal item	39,034	25,471
Abnormal item	<u>(23,104)</u>	<u>(77,056)</u>
	<u>15,930</u>	<u>(51,585)</u>

**18. Swimming Pool Trading Account
For the Year Ended 31 December 1995**

Income

Pool Hire	29,538	21,602
Water Polo	11,424	9,593
Fun and Fitness	11,128	9,694
Swim School	71,603	41,244
Entry	100,095	66,685
Card Entries	12,499	3,655
Equipment Hire	1,502	2,252
Other	<u>8,421</u>	<u>2,147</u>
	<u>246,210</u>	<u>156,872</u>

Expenditure

Chemicals	29,229	19,527
Electricity	28,220	27,132
Gas	37,039	37,544
Maintenance	22,079	24,417
Promotions	13,862	6,931
Wages - Pool Administration	96,964	70,769
- Fun and Fitness	13,357	8,832
- Swim School	66,379	38,684
Other	<u>20,252</u>	<u>19,308</u>
	<u>327,381</u>	<u>253,144</u>
Pool Trading Surplus/(Deficit) before abnormal item	(81,171)	(96,272)
Abnormal tiling expense	<u>(23,104)</u>	<u>(77,056)</u>
Total trading loss	<u>(104,275)</u>	<u>(173,328)</u>

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Cross Country, to finish a very credible 33rd. Brett has since been selected in the Australian Team to compete at the World University Winter Games in Korea in January 1997.

The ski club also ran a number of weekend ski trips to the NSW ski resorts with some great skiing and boarding by day and some social nights after dark. There was some renewed interest in these weekends which was encouraging for the clubs future.

During the summer months the club also engaged in water skiing behind the clubs boat, which was updated last year. We skied most weekends and held two successful Learn to Ski weekends for first timers. It was great to see some new faces enjoying the sport but unfortunately few developed into regular active members.

The clubs committee saw three new faces becoming involved which is very encouraging as club administration is the biggest hurdle the club is facing in the short term. However, the club is still looking to build on the youth of our executive, with the graduation of a few members this year.

The ski club looks forward to 1997, hoping to expand the committee and regain our member base of previous years.

Brett Bennett
PRESIDENT

SOCCER

The 1996 soccer season was notable for both its highs and lows. Certainly, the highlight of the year was the success of the youth grade who claimed their first major trophy in the twenty four year history of the club. They defeated Picton, the minor premiers, 2-0 in a closely fought contest. Paradoxically, this win also has a down side with three of our team members being approached by the other I.S.A. clubs with the capacity to pay their players.

Our reserve team missed a place in the semi finals by one point, and our Club's Women's side lost the Second Division grand final - a commendable result considering the limited experience of many of the players.

After two successful years of being awarded the best and fairest judiciary awards for the First Division, this season has proved to be a disaster. Besides the youth team, who demonstrated that games could be won without incurring the wrath of the referee (10 yellow cards in total), both first and second grades accumulated 42 yellow and 3 red cards.

Congratulations are extended to John Skald and Patrick Ikott who were awarded University Scholarships of \$350 each for the 1997 scholastic year.



This year the club continued in its endeavour to provide first class amenities for players and spectators, by the construction of two dug-outs and an all weather cover along the entire length of the amenities block. Appreciation is also extended to Wiseman's Park Bowling Club, our major sponsor, for their continued support and providing us with a pleasant convivial location for post game analyses.

Our financial situation was not helped by the "user pay" system by the RSA. Paying for the privilege of using Koolobong Oval, on top of power and gas bills has meant increasing difficulty for our club to remain in the block.

With that sombre piece of information out of the way I would extend my appreciation to our coaches Daniel McGoldrick, Todd Parker and Marcos Miranda for their commitment, sense of humour and enthusiasm, I would also like to extend my warmest appreciation to the executive and sub committee for their dedication to the smooth running of the club for 1996.

P.S Bannister
PRESIDENT

SQUASH

After an unsure start, 1996 has proven to be a very successful year for the Squash Club. Doubt over the club's future and the resulting relocation to the Weerona College squash courts led to the club retaining three teams for the 1996 Autumn competition.

However a determined recruitment campaign managed to attract the attention of many potential competition players from Weerona College and the university community in general. After a series of round-robin competitions and grading sessions several new members were signed up. As a result the club was able to enter six teams in the 1996 Spring competition.

Ultimately the move to Weerona has proved to be very successful. The members now have inexpensive access to training and competition facilities. Weerona is also more appropriate for the Squash Club as refreshments can now be provided to visiting teams without moving away from the viewing area. The Squash Club thanks Weerona College and BHP Squash Club for the access to the squash facilities and looks forward to this arrangement continuing.

Competitively the club has had a pleasing year. In the Autumn competition both the



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Division 5 and Division 9 Men's teams were defeated in the preliminary final. The Spring competition will be completed in November. The Division 6 and Division 9 Men's teams have a great chance of taking out their respective divisions. The Division 7 Ladies team is also playing well, considering this is their first competition, and still have a chance to make the finals.

The club championships were held on the 20th October. There was a good turnout and a great deal of excellent squash was played. Rob Pederson defeated Adrian Hodge in the Championship Final two games to one in an extremely entertaining match. Jason Carter took out the Plate Final with a two games to one victory over Daniel Fabjanic.

In Autumn 1997 the Squash Club intends to enter six teams into the rejuvenated Illawarra District Squash Racquets Competition. By Spring 1997 it is envisaged that the club will expand to around nine competition teams made up of mostly the student population. This should help to ensure the club's viability in the future.

Jason Carter
PRESIDENT

SURFRIDING

It gives me great pleasure to hand down my third report as President considering the outstanding achievements the club has achieved since 1994.

The club has grown this year to around 35 members of which most have been active. This increase is reassuring after a couple of years of decline. It is hoped that interest will increase with our success at the IV and Eastern Conference.

The running of the learn to surf classes was again very popular and well attended. Surf weekends away were organised in conjunction with both the Rec & Sports and a women's learn to surf with SRC. From all reports these were a great success and the venue of Bendalong proved a great choice.

Notable Achievements in 1996

While we are yet to contest this years IV there have been several noteworthy performances by WUSA and individual members.

Jeremy Smith has again proved himself and this year competed on the Australian Championship Circuit (ACC). While there are still a few contests left, Jeremy has had encouraging results in New Zealand and Western Australia. Jeremy's biggest achievement was in the



Quicksilver Surf and Snowboard contest. Against an international field Jeremy came second in the surf leg beating the 1989 world champ Martin Potter into 4th spot.

Jackie Graham Winner of the 1995 Intervarsity, Jackie was chosen in the NSW team to the Australian Titles where she placed a creditable 5th. Jackie also competed in the Quicksilver contest where she won the surf leg. A disappointing result in the snowboards cost her the outright title.

I would like to personally congratulate Jeremy and Jackie on their achievements and wish them the best of luck in 1997 from the whole WUSA crew.

We are looking at putting on more movies in the Tavern to help with fundraising and would like to thank Don Beale for all his help throughout the year.

Good luck to all those travelling to Byron Bay for the 96 IV hosted by Southern Cross.

Jeff Parnell
PRESIDENT

SWIMMING

The financial year for the swimming club runs from April to March. Accordingly, the University of Wollongong Swimming Club Inc. has just completed its Winter Point Score and is about to commence the Summer Point Score for 1996/1997.

After a very disrupted summer in 1995/96 due to the retiling of the pool we are in a membership rebuilding phase. Our current membership is listed on the attached sheet.

We had a small but dedicated band of swimmers participate in the Winter Point Score as well as a number of local carnivals. The winter season concluded with a very successful social competition with the Illawarra Red Devils and Dapto Swimming Clubs.

Eight swimmers aged between 9 and 13 years were selected in the South Coast & Tablelands Swimming Association Level 1 Winter Development Squad.

With the summer season of carnivals commencing on October 21, the club has targeted a number of them at which to compete.

The focus for the summer season will be the carnival on Sunday November 17 which we will be conducting at the

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University Aquatic Centre. We are currently undertaking a sponsorship drive attempting to have every race individually sponsored by local companies.

To enable the efficient running of the carnival and Point Score events we have recently completed a new 25m finishing rope and we are finalising the construction of a starting system.

Ron Adams
PRESIDENT

TAE KWON DO

This year, Tae Kwon Do club started with a lot of enthusiasm with membership exceeding 40 members at one point. We had very regular training sessions (Tuesdays and Thursdays) which were intense but fun-filled at the same time. Master Steve Tran and David Martin have been excellent trainers although Steve had to be away now and then preparing for his own fights. David Martin was always there to train us and we are very grateful to him for his desire to help us train every week.

We did not take part in the Eastern Conference Tae Kwon Do Championship since none of us felt prepared enough for the Tournament. In this sport, it is not a good idea to go into a fight without proper practice. We were ready for the University

Games held at Canberra, but unfortunately Tae Kwon Do was excluded from the Games at the very last moment. So much for the adrenaline rush. Apart from that, we had our own small get togethers, ie dinners.

This year passed quite fast, I must say. Although we didn't get a chance to show our potential, it would be misleading to say this club is less likely to win any tournaments in the future. I have seen the members in this club train, and there is a huge potential out there, all of which will show next year, when we begin a whole new session. Some of us might be leaving Wollongong for good while others will stay on. Those who stay on will continue to push the Club forward and win other tournaments for us as well. I hope to come back next year, and if I do, I hope to continue trying to make the Club run better with even more members. Those that come next year will get all the attention that they expect from the teachers and their senior students.

Lastly I would like to thank the Sports and Rec Centre and especially Teresa Harding for helping the club run smoothly this year. Hope for the same treatment next year.

Sameer Dixit
PRESIDENT



TENNIS

Well another 12 months have passed and the club has had a very interesting time during this period. The University Tennis Club competes in the Wollongong District Tennis Association (WDTA) Saturday Afternoon and Wednesday Night competitions. In the Spring competition of 95, University fielded 3 teams in Div 2,3 and 6. The division 2 team reached the preliminary Semi Final and Division 6 reached the Semi Finals. In the Wednesday night we also fielded three teams in div 1,3 and 8, the Division 1 reached the Grand Final and both Division 3 and 8 reached the Semi Finals. The University teams are definitely very competitive in their respective divisions and congratulations to all the teams on their efforts. The WDTA is interested in introducing different formats to the competitions and there was a short comp staged in between the major Spring and Autumn comp. Uni fielded two teams, one ladies and one men's. The men's team won the grand final in their division.

The start of the '96 season and the University year saw the club go on a recruitment drive to increase the student membership body of the club. It was successful in increasing numbers from 11 to 27, in the process increasing the total number of members to around 56. The increase in student numbers allowed the

club to create 2 teams where the core was students. The Autumn comp saw the Uni field 4 teams, in Division 2, Division 4, Division 6 and Division 8. The division 2 team once again reaching the semi finals. In the Wednesday night comp two teams (Uni 2 and Uni 3) reached the semi finals and the Uni 1 just missing out.

Currently, the current Spring Competition, we have a total of four (4) Saturday teams (Uni 1 (Div 1) Uni 2 (Div 6) Uni 3 (Div 8) and Uni 4 (Div 4)). We also have four (4) Wednesday night teams in Division 1,2,5 and 8 respectively. The Recreation and Sports Association (RSA) has set some guidelines for the clubs in order to make them self sufficient with the impending introduction of the user pays philosophy. This was not introduced during '96 but is anticipated that it will be introduced in '97. The RSA set some performance objectives/measures for the clubs to meet and it was good to see that the Tennis Club is performing well in meeting a majority of the above performance objectives and targets being set by the RSA for the clubs. One of the major impacts of the above performance objectives and the impending introduction of the user pays philosophy was the need for the club to once again significantly increase its membership fees.



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Regarding the facilities for the tennis club, the RSA, upon request from the club has improved the facilities around the "clubhouse" area. They have also improved the security at the tennis court area which was highlighted in the last report. There is still a requirement to improve the storage and access to the afternoon tea facilities and other club property.

The '96 social day with Wisemans Park was not held this year as there was insufficient time prior to the commencement of the Autumn competition and therefore there is a need to hold one in '97 where Uni will be host for this annual event.

Finally I would like to express my thanks to Gary Lebsanft and Geoff Besnard for their extra efforts during this year to keep the club actively competing. Thanks must also go out to the captains of the teams and their efforts in fielding a team week in week out. Thanks also to all the other committee members for all their efforts throughout the year and it was a pleasure working with them

Klime Zengoski
PRESIDENT

TOUCH

1996 has proved to be a very successful year for the Wollongong University Touch Club. After the 1996 AGM several new members were elected to the committee, these included Barrie Keenahan as Vice President, Nicole Cooper as Secretary, Linda Waldron as Treasurer and myself as President. This year we also elected a fundraising committee and two Team Managers for the ECG/AUG teams. The Women's Team manager was Cassandra Caldwell and the men's was Matthew Heather.

The touch Club sent both a men's and women's team to the ECG at Armidale. The women's team came back victorious with first place, however the men's team, unfortunately were placed further down the ladder. The women's team were helped to their victory by the dedication of two highly recognised coaches; Janice Gardiner and Assistant Coach Carol Jarrett who accompanied the team to Armidale. Janice then went on to Canberra to lead the women's team to a Silver Medal at the AUG. I must extend our appreciation to both of these ladies, for their commitment and loyalty to the team, I am sure all the girls would wish you much thanks.

A big thank you must also be given to Nichole Cooper and Cassandra Caldwell,



through their fundraising and organisational efforts made the two trips away much less expensive and more enjoyable.

The Touch Club this year purchased a set of drink bottles which the women's team used in Canberra and also a First Aid kit, both of which proved invaluable.

Congratulations goes to Nicole Cooper and Debbie Knapp who gained positions on the "Green and Gold" Team to represent the Australian Universities and to Linda Waldron who was selected as a Reserve for this team.

I would especially like to thank Leonie Hinch and Jock Campbell for their assistance in ECG/AUG organisation and in the general club formation.

Tanya Boniface
PRESIDENT

TRIATHLON

1996 was a hugely successful year for the Wollongong University Triathlon Club in both intervarsity competition and domestic training and races. Far and away the standouts of the year were victories in the Australian Universities Triathlon Championships in Coffs Harbour at Easter, and the Australian University Games Duathlon in Canberra in September.

It would be impossible to mention these races without mentioning the efforts of Michelle Freimanis who came second at the Triathlon Championship and second at the Duathlon and then went on to gain selection for the Green and Gold cycling team in her first ever road cycling events. Robert Battochio also had a great year for the club representing Wollongong University and Australia in Czechoslovakia at the World University Triathlon Championships. Rob was also our highest male finisher in Coffs Harbour (fifth) and Canberra (tenth).

Club member Jonothan Hall unfortunately failed to compete in the Duathlon at the University games because of other commitments but did cycle and was named Australian Universities Cycling Champion. Furthermore the Wollongong University Cyclists, represented by the University Triathlon Club were named Australian University Cycling Champions.

Back at home the club was keeping active by running a winter Biathlon series. The first of these races was the innovative Vice Chancellors Cup, and extremely successfully relay that teamed members of the University's Executive and Staff with members of the Triathlon Club. On the day Dean of Education, John Patterson and University sports scholarship holder Jonothan Hall were too strong and took



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out the event easily. Apparently this year Vice Chancellor, Professor Sutton wants control of team membership and handicapping. I'm sure it will be a fair and honest race.

Aside from racing, the Triathlon Club provided a great health and fitness service to the University. The club allocated training times which offered students of all fitness and ability levels the opportunity to train (swim, ride or run) in the safety of a group and with the benefit of training advice from the more experienced members of the club. These training sessions will be continued in 1997.

Overall, the success of 1996 has left club members feeling very positive about a fit and fast 1997. Although some members have moved on, we are sure to get new members and we are confident of performing at a high standard in 1997.

David Lovegrove
PRESIDENT

UNDERWATER HOCKEY

The University Club continues to be one of the major forces in Underwater Hockey in NSW. The 5th Annual Wollongong 4's competition was another great success, attracting players from Sydney and Canberra clubs. As a bonus, two of our

clubs members made it to the victory rostrum - Karyn Bartholomew and Nathan Kirkwood. The other two winners were Nick Colys (St George) and Simon Talbot (Canberra Rebels).

Wollongong players again swell the ranks of the State teams bound for the Nationals in Canberra, just after Christmas.

Women - Karyn Bartholomew, Jane Davis (Coach), Jennie Kennedy

Men - Geoff Baker, Dave Kennedy, Nathan Kirkwood and Stuart Waters

Masters - Andy Davis

Jane returned from the World Championships in South Africa earlier this year with her second silver medal at the "Worlds". A great effort Jane - Congratulation! The home team advantage swept the South Africans to gold.

On the local front the pool closure of last year appears to have decimated our growing beginner ranks. This represents a major set back to our club membership, which is currently dominated by associate members. We'll move to remedy this in Spring Session in '97.

The clubs provided "hands on" demonstrations to two local schools and Tuesday "club" nights continue to be well



attended. The speed and level of skill of our players continues to improve. If you want to know more about H2ockey, come check it out (7.30 Tuesday) or go for a surf (<http://sunsite.wits.as.za/sports/uwht/welcome.html>)!

Stuart Waters
PRESIDENT

VOLLEYBALL

1996 was a rebuilding year for the volleyball club. With very little participation outside of the Australian Universities Games in 1995, the executive set out to build a base from which to grow.

Training's for the club again began in earnest in March with approximately 25-30 students participating each week. Because of circumstances beyond our control in previous years, the club did begin a little disorganised but still managed to enter three teams into the local competition at Unanderra. These teams faired extremely well with fine performances shown by all. Throughout the year, 2 other teams also ventured to Unanderra with placings of 1st and 3rd in A and B grade respectively. Congratulations go out to these teams.

As usual, as the year progressed, numbers at trainings began to decline as the work

load increased with eventually 15-20 students turning up week in week out. Hard work did pay off however with exceptional improvement being shown by a number of not so skilled, but very keen volleyballers.

On the representative front, two teams were entered into the Eastern Conference Games. The girls played extremely well all weekend to lose their first game in the final to Canberra University. The boys were not so successful but tried hard to finish a credible 7th. The Australian University Games proved disastrous for the girls, finishing 10th behind eventual winners Canberra University who only 4 months previous, had narrowly beaten them. Congratulations again goes out to all players for all their efforts during the year.

In other clubs events, a women's team was entered into the Shoalhaven cup held in August. Again the girls played extremely well to finish 3rd overall. And finally to the beach where late last year, Natalie Gamble and Jennifer Crawford played some superb volleyball to finish a close 4th in the South Coast Open where they lost in the semi finals 15-4 to a team, who placed 6th at the Atlanta Olympics! Well Done!

As to next year, the club is looking forward to building more of a social base of volleyball players, to continue on the

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vain of the clubs past history as well as continue its' fine performances of the years past.

Jennifer Crawford
PRESIDENT

WATERPOLO

This year we again had 3 teams playing in the Illawarra Winter Competition, 2 men's in A Grade and 1 women's team in B Grade. One of the men's teams made it to the A grade final but came away with 2nd place. The women's team playing in a mixed B grade competition placed 5th.

At the Eastern Conference games this year the women's team finished 5th, which qualified then for the AUG.

At the AUG in Canberra the women's team finished 6th of 16 teams, improving on last years result of 9th. The men's team again were disappointed not to win, finishing with the bronze medal. This is the third year in succession that the team has had a medal placing. Next year the men will try to add a gold to the collection once again. Three of the team were selected for the AUG Green and Gold team. They are Rob Wilkinson, Peter Rolfe and David Droughton.

Sponsorship was continued this year with the Illawarra Hotel. They again provided

us with a venue to have fundraising functions. Eighty percent of fundraising profits were used to assist players in making it to the AUG this year.

The club again hosted it's own invitational tournament, at the University in September this year. In contrast to last year the weather was picture perfect, making it a very enjoyable weekend. The tournament has become an annual event hosted by the club.

Our club members have been assisting in the development of the junior players in the district by coaching the various school groups that use the pool for sport. In January a Junior Development Clinic is being conducted at the pool and our club members will be assisting with the coaching.

Thank you to all of the clubs executives I have worked with, a job well done this year. The club will lose some members this year who have been with us for some time now. They have made major contributions as the club has developed. They are Ty Dowker, Kevin Dwyer, Brodie Cambourne and Rob Wilkinson. I wish them all the best on the completion of their degrees.

Matt Murphy
PRESIDENT



FACILITIES REPORT

The Recreation and Sports Association (RSA) provided the following facilities to its members in 1996:

2 court multi-purpose Sports Hall
 3 Squash Courts
 1 Climbing Wall
 Gymnasium
 Aerobics Room
 4 Tennis Courts
 4 Turf Ovals
 Meeting Room
 Sports Lounge
 Sports Store
 50 metre outdoor-heated Aquatic Centre
 New changerooms for the Aquatic Centre
 Tennis shelter-shed
 Artificial Hockey Pitch

This report relates to utilisation of Facilities for the year ending 31 December 1996.

Facility Utilisation

Participation in RSA activities for 1996 was estimated to be in excess of 500,000 visits.

Table 1.1 Financial Utilisation

Gross Income(\$)	1996	1995	1994	1993
Squash	26795	28119	29346	33604
Tennis	24443	21570	14881	5569
Facility Hire	61962	61959	33993	38099
Hockey	34769	31985	33993	28183
Total	147969	143633	109576	106455

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(Facility hire includes Sports Hall, Sports Lounge, Ovals, Aerobics Floor and Miscellaneous facility hire.)

Table 1.2 Cost Centred Comparisons

Facility	1996	1996	1996	1995	1995	1995
	Income	Exp.	Subsidy	Income	Exp.	Subsidy
Aerobics Floor	4684	31531	-26847	6945	25363	-18418
Hockey	34769	99152	-64383	31985	93390	-61405
Ovals	5185	5824	-639	4713	4996	-283
Tennis	25799	58255	-32457	21570	56001	-34431
Sports Hall	44776	74120	-29344	44006	67583	-23577
Sports Lounge	6491	33240	-26794	6298	33428	-27130
Squash	29465	48055	-18591	28119	37490	-9371
Total	151169	350177	-199008	143636	318251	-174615

Table 1.2 represents the income and expenditure for 1995 and 1996. The negative figures represent the level of subsidy from RSA fees toward each Facility. The 1996 Facilities were subsidised 56.83% from student fees as compared to 54.87% in 1995. This is in keeping broadly with our Strategic Objective.

SUMMARY

1996 saw a consolidation of RSA facilities use. Financially 1996 at the Recreation Centre was similar to 1995. Thanks to all RSA staff for their hard work during 1996. I would also extend my thanks to all our Centre user, for their patronage in 1996.

Daniel McGoldrick
RECREATION AND FACILITIES MANAGER



AQUATIC CENTRE REPORT

A bad start to the year with the pool being out of action until the 29th January for the completion of the re-tiling. This has impacted on all income areas and particularly upon club & school programs and carnivals and the swim school where the first months of spring & summer are of critical importance in obtaining both new swimmers and hence income. The shutdown did give us the opportunity to catch up on some much needed plant maintenance, although this also presented us with some unexpected problems with major overhauls being needed on the pumps and also the heat exchanger and replacement of the foot valve.

Looking at 1996 as a rebuilding year we can see many positives. One of the positives for 1996 was the addition of shade areas on all four sides of the pool. This helped address a concern expressed by many of the user groups that we lacked areas of sun protection. This has helped in attracting school user groups to the facility as well as providing shelter for all our users and has attracted much favourable comment. Landscaping have also installed some new seating units on both the north and south sides of the pool as well as some extra garbage bin units. Six more palm trees were planted to provide more shade. The paved apron on the northern side of the pool was also extended to prevent damage to the grass by casual users. The concrete gutter around the tennis courts has been removed and the pavers near the concrete apron of the pool have been reshaped to allow for wheelchair access out to the tennis courts.

The pool management's aim is to continue the University Aquatic Centres position as a leader in the provision of diverse aquatic activities for a wide variety of users. To achieve this aim, evaluation and refinement of our programs was and is being undertaken. The result being improved service quality and programs which suit our target audience's needs.

FINANCES

Financially the University Aquatic Centre still requires a high level of subsidy from student fees. A table of the last six years operating budgets shows how we stand relative to past performances.



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AQUATIC CENTRE OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Note; prepared from December reports, may be some changes from end of year profit/loss audits

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
INCOME:						
ATTENDANCES	96624	104673	85689	103617	70340	108510
SWIM SCHOOL	42576	82072	72382	73484	41244	71603
FITNESS	6129	13286	14507	13199	9694	15211
AQUAROBIOS	8050	2800				
POOL HIRE	25207	19531	14767	17429	21602	33296
CARNIVALS	1106	3687	3359	2622		
OTHER ACTIVITIES	6834	6438	6176	10886	9593	7666
EQUIPMENT HIRE	2873	2814	2023	2286	2252	1502
GOLD CARD	1178	1224	1550	2606	3330	8868
VENDING	2278	2029	1488	1627		
SPONSORSHIP						
OTHER		529				
TOTAL INCOME:	192855	239083	201942	227756	156872	246209

EXPENDITURE:						
ADMINISTRATION WAGES	82707	85274	82310	94010	59490	96964
SWIM SCHOOL	30202	52774	42401	48823	40624	70323
FITNESS	4950	6489	6588	6611	9463	12469
AQUAROBIOS	2012	2168				395
OTHER ACTIVITIES	579	812	918	1053		1057
WAGES - Front Desk Adm					11620	14316
WAGES - Cleaning					11085	14947
ELECTRICITY	31120	30000	36000	33000	27132	28220
GAS	37923	31804	7785	43000	37544	37039
CHEMICALS	25500	19577	26499	24919	19527	29229
PROM. & COMMUN.	2910	4891	6288	3644	5467	13861
AQUATIC MAINTENANCE	2326	7309	16503	18982	24417	22079
AQUATIC EQUIPMENT	3061	6082	8546	6134	16377	14758
CARNIVALS				1475		
SUNDRY	1270	964	313	8	2297	987
RE-TILING					88335	23105
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	224660	248134	234132	281659	353379	350485
OPERATIONAL DEFICIT	31805	9051	32190	53903	196507	104276



1996 was again a part year financially as the pool did not open until late January. The closure had quite a significant carry over effect on income in several areas. The swim school had to be rebuilt and lost custom showed through for several months after the re-opening. Staffing was well above a preferred level to provide an excellent service in a bid to woo back customers. The water polo and underwater hockey competitions both suffered badly from the enforced closures and predicted income from these competitions was way below expected levels.

PROGRAMS

Learn to Swim

Is again enjoying success after a very slow start to the year even after a quite heavy advertising campaign. A slight profit shown which was to be expected after losing most of summer through the closure. 1997 staffing will be reigned in so that a much better bottom line should occur.

Swim For Fitness

Still as solid as ever. A good core of regular participants. Concentration for the next year to be on encouraging aquatic club participation.

Schools

Carnival bookings very full for the end of year and looking good for 1997. Schools in particular very appreciative of shade cover. Learn to swim and stroke correction programs for schools are dropping somewhat due to more competition for programs funding within the schools and the schools themselves trying to run their own programs.

BOOKINGS

Lane hire was again nearly maximal over winter with 4 external coaches booking space. Casual bookings for scuba groups, schools and other casual users groups (scouts, football, soccer, Australian rules, Steelers) have increased.



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1997

Consolidation and wages control will be of utmost concern for 1997. With little ability to control any of the fixed costs associated with the running of the pool, wages will be a major factor after recent award pay rises. Income is going to be more difficult to improve as students are faced with higher HECS charges and parking spaces become more limited for casual external users.

One major highlight for 1997 is the use of the University Pool by the United States World Championship Team for its pre-event camp to be held in late December 1997. This is a real coup for us and will hopefully lead to us being approached by one of the competing nations prior to the 2000 Olympics for use as a training venue.

As should be expected the University Aquatic Centre will be endeavouring to build on its reputation as the finest aquatic facility on the South Coast.



RECREATION REPORT

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AEROBIC CLASSES

Fitness classes continued to improve with peaks during August September and October (Figure 1). A 1996 initiative was the placing of all aerobic instructors on an incentive system for payment - pay is now based on:

- Techniques used during classes eg: choreography, form, phrasing, cueing, and overall professionalism
- Class assessments
- Attendance at staff meetings
- Number of participants increasing
- Participation in promotions/displays
- Survey results
- Reliability
- No cancellation of classes
- Ability to teach difficult programs/classes or timeslots
- Additional qualifications

A 1996 initiative was the introduction of Express classes 1/2 hour classes (previously open to staff only). During peak periods these classes were most popular and often reached the maximum limit of 30.

Monitoring continues to be a problem for aerobic classes - class sizes are often larger than the sign on list at the front desk. Ideally a staff member should be present before all classes to collect cards, however this is becoming increasingly difficult during session when both Recreation staff members must contend with other recreation courses which occupy a major proportion of work time, especially during the University lunch period.

Figure 1

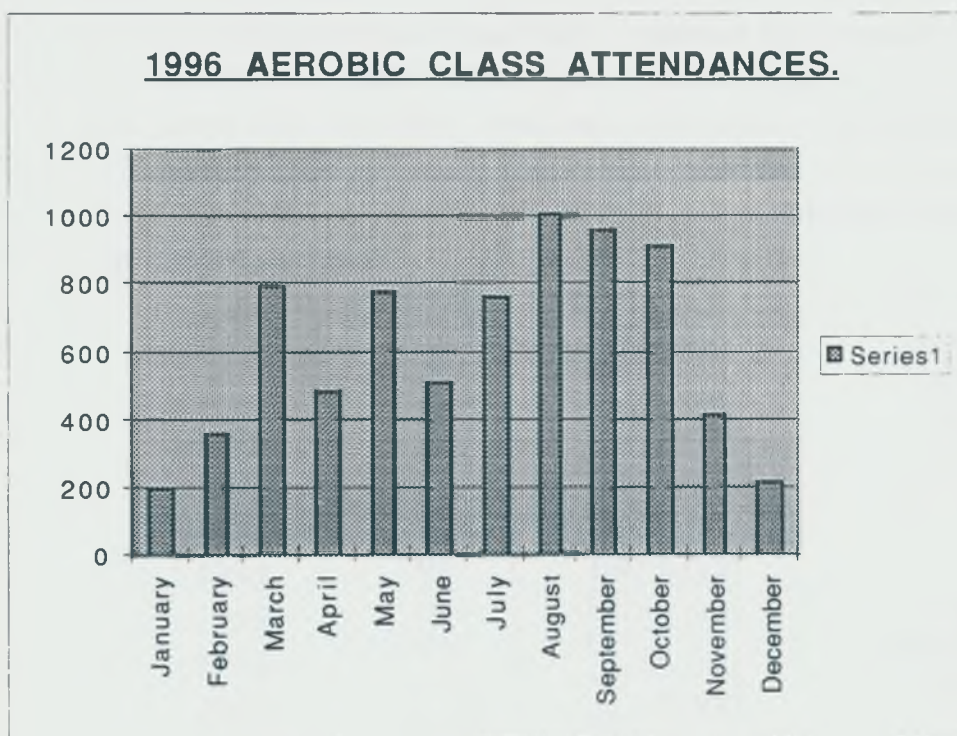


TABLE 1: AEROBIC MONTHLY TOTALS 95 vs 96

AEROBICS	1995	1996
January	126	202
February	169	357
March	1238	796
April	629	488
May	927	779
June	492	508
July	507	763
August	1019	1010
September	722	963
October	705	911
November	388	411
December	207	213



2. CIRCUIT CLASSES

- Circuit classes attendances have declined during 1996 notwithstanding offering a large number of classes and variation. We have attributed the decline to the somewhat small and irregular shaped circuit room which have made warm-ups and floor work difficult.

Table 2: Circuit Statistics.

CIRCUIT	1995	1996
January	252	245
February	328	321
March	575	348
April	300	284
May	357	353
June	18(?)	225
July	301	189
August	553	406
September	359	369
October	386	277
November	388	248
December	207	153
	4024	3418

3. UNIGYM

- Our Unigym now has the most up to date and comprehensive equipment in Illawarra.
- Equipment now includes electronic cardiovascular equipment (steppers, rowers, bikes and two new treadmills at \$11,500 each) and extensive free weights and pinloaded equipment.
- The Regupol flooring has given the gym an undivided and capacious look with technological safety.
- Expansion of the gymnasium has necessitated an increase in gym supervision by fully qualified and enthusiastic instructors. Supervisors offer students and staff advice on safety and programming.

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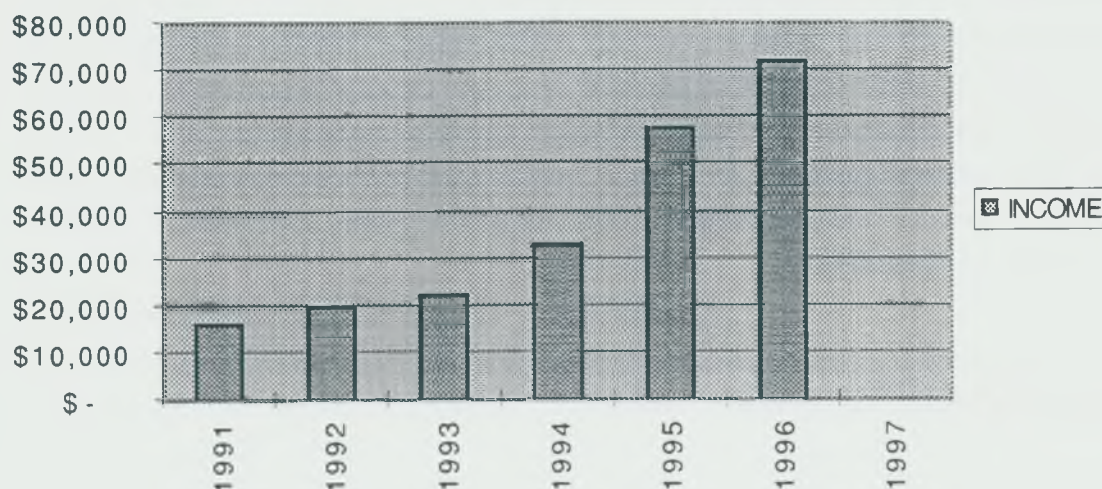
- Weights programs continued to be extremely popular - during the first three weeks of session the recreation department was doing an average of 13 programs per week. The popularity of programming continued throughout the sessions with an average of 5 per week.
- There are often queues for both cardiovascular equipment and weights.

The table below illustrates the growth the unigym/circuit has witnessed over the several years. The years 1994, 95 & 96 show substantial income in unigym/circuit income.

Unigym/circuit income.

	Budget income	Actual income
1991	\$ 12,000	\$ 16,200
1992	\$ 12,000	\$ 19,900
1993	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,500
1994	\$ 25,000	\$ 33,000
1995	\$ 38,000	\$ 57,500
1996	\$ 65,000	\$ 72,000
1997	\$ 75,000	

UNIGYM/CIRCUIT 1991 TO 1997



**Ensuring quality:**

- We are always seeking to update and extend equipment to match the increasing gym population. It is essential to ensure we maintain the Unigym at the standard students have been accustomed to over the past two to three years.
- Gym equipment should be purchased to keep up with demand, and existing equipment must be well maintained.
- To ensure quality service, gym supervision should cover all busy periods.
- Gym area should be expanded to include a larger cardiovascular area room with a wider range of aerobic equipment.
- A separate circuit area is necessary to bolster decreasing numbers and to encourage larger classes.

4. LUNCH TIME SPORTS.

- Oztag was a new sport offered (a non contact version of Rugby League) and was the first sport to be filled. Due to constraints of equipment only 8 positions were offered. The price was twenty dollars per team, which covered the whole competition, with a five dollar, fully refundable deposit. This deposit was put in place in an attempt to discourage forfeits. Each winning side won beautiful T-shirts, designed by one of Australia's best "up and coming" designers

The emphasis in Lunch Time Sport is on participation for all levels of endeavour in a social and enjoyable atmosphere.

Autumn Session**Sports Available**

Soccer (5 a side)- 16 teams (Mondays)- full

Touch Football- 20 teams (Wednesdays)- full

Volleyball- 12 teams (Tuesdays)- full

Basketball- 12 teams (Fridays)- full

Netball- 11 teams (Mondays)

Hockey- nil

Softball- nil

* Each team paid \$20 to register and as for competition payment.



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Spring Session

Sports Available

Soccer - 16 teams (full)

Touch- 14 teams

Volleyball- 12 teams (full)

Basketball- 13 teams (full)

Netball- 12 teams (full)

Oztag (new sport offered)- 8 teams (full)

Hockey - nil

Softball - nil

*Each team paid \$20 to register and as for competition payment.

Spring Session

Sports Available

Soccer - 16 teams (full)

Touch- 14 teams

Volleyball- 12 teams (full)

Basketball- 13 teams (full)

Netball- 12 teams (full)

Oztag (new sport offered)- 8 teams (full)

Hockey - nil

5. OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

A tender was sent out for the Scuba diving contract and we had many competitive contenders. The agreement was eventually signed with "Scuba 'n' Surf" (Peter Shoobert) who offered students free accommodation and transport from University campus, Weerona, Campus east and International house at an extremely competitive price. Other outdoor adventures offered to students and staff through the recreation department are: Mountain Bike riding, Canoeing, Sailing, Windsurfing, Surfing, horse riding, Waterskiing, Hangliding and Microlighting.

6. GENERAL INTEREST COURSES

13 different courses were offered during session one and 12 for session 2. Unpopular courses (Stress Management and Personalised Weights) were offered in both session



one and two of 1996 and will not be offered in 1997. The most popular courses prompted the Recreation department to offer two courses in each of Surfing, Massage and Golf, all of which were full. Again, most courses ran for seven weeks during the lunch period to allow for maximal numbers of enrolments. The average cost for a course was \$35 which is inexpensive compared to other institutions offering similar courses. The income for 1996 was over the expected budgeted figure and we managed to come in under the budgeted expenditure figure.

7. SCHOOL SPORT

The 1995 and 1996 school sports program has been the most successful since its implementation. The 1995 income of \$12,800 (\$7,000 over budget) was increased by \$2,000 in 1996, being 76% over the expected budget. Time constraints have been the biggest barrier in the running of school sports, with many schools sending large groups and taking advantage of the inexpensive prices. 160 students were sent by

one school during school terms, this has made it extremely difficult to find a large number of quality instructors, especially during University exam periods. 1997 will see the implementation of smaller group sizes and an increase of the school sports programs to \$3.50 per child.

Overall, 1996 witnessed a most successful year with extensive gym expansion and the continuation of quality service being offered to students and staff of the University of Wollongong.

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Health and Fitness Coordinator.



